# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LABOUR
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:920
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CENTRAL MANPOWER EXPORT PROMOTION AND INDIAN OVERSEAS EMPLOYEES WELFARE FUND
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Central Manpower Export Promotion Council and Indian Overseas Employees Welfare Fund to guide people who want to go abroad for employment; and

(b) if so, its objectives with details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): The Government propose to enact the Emigration (Amendment )Bill, 2002, which has already been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 21.11.2002, to set up Central Manpower Export Promotion Council and constitute Indian Overseas Workers` Welfare Fund. The functions of the Council will be promotion of employment opportunities for emigrants; projection of manpower services; collection of statistics and information relating to employment opportunities and matters connected therewith; collection and maintenance of statistics and information in respect of persons seeking employment; liaison with other export promotion agencies; recommendation to the Central Government about the standards and guidelines for overseas employment; and administration of Indian Overseas Workers Welfare Fund. The proposed Indian Overseas Workers` Welfare Fund will meet the contingencies, such as making the payment to the Embassies or High Commissions for arranging return ticket for the workers who get stranded in the foreign countries; meeting the cost of transportation of dead bodies of the workers; granting financial assistance to such workers who become partially or permanently disabled and providing relief for such other causes as may be specified in the rules. But the assistance shall not be provided to illegal migrants.